



San Francisco Health Network
Laguna Honda Hospital
and Rehabilitation Center

Laguna Honda Hospital Recertification Progress Update

May 2, 2023



Status Update



The Path to CMS Recertification

- In April 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), terminated Laguna Honda's participation in the Medicare and Medicaid Provider Participation Programs.
- Laguna Honda is dedicated to successful recertification in Medicare and Medicaid to continue providing care to our residents and bring long-term stability to our community.
- We continue to work hard to meet all regulatory requirements and make rapid improvements to prepare for recertification.
- This includes long-term operational, institutional, and cultural changes needed to achieve recertification and to ensure the long-term success of the hospital.
- Between the Laguna Honda staff and our expert consultants, we are confident we have the team in place for a successful recertification.



Status Update



Settlement Agreement with CDPH and CMS

- On November 10, 2022, the City and County of San Francisco signed the Settlement and Systems Improvement Agreement with CMS and the California Department of Public Health.
- Under the agreement, CMS will continue paying for care at Laguna Honda until November 13, 2023 and agreed to pause involuntary discharges and transfers.
- **On February 1, 2023, CMS agreed to the City's request to continue the pause until at least May 19, 2023.**
- Regulators initially directed Laguna Honda to pause discharges of residents who no longer require skilled nursing level care. They have now directed us to resume. It has been our practice, whenever possible, to work with residents who no longer require SNF-level care and transition them to the community or to lower levels of care.



Path to Recertification



90-Day CMS Monitoring Surveys

- As part of the settlement agreement, CMS will conduct monitoring surveys every 90 days. These are unannounced, extensive, full recertification surveys.
- Laguna Honda has now hosted two CMS 90-Day Monitoring Surveys and the second showed much progress and far fewer findings.
- Laguna Honda staff work collaboratively with the survey teams and items noted during the survey process are addressed in real time.
- **We anticipate another monitoring survey in May/June after the Action Plan is complete.**



Path to Recertification



CMS-Approved Action Plan

- The Action Plan is our blueprint for how we will accomplish CMS recertification and remain compliant and successful for the long term.
- Every month the QIE reports our progress to CMS. We must show that we are successfully completing all Action Plan milestones.
- We have been successful every month in completing Action Plan items – 126 January milestones, 133 February milestones, and 77 March milestones – and are on track for April and May.
- The original Action Plan must be implemented by May 13, 2023.
- **Once we are successful in completing our Action Plan, and have a strong performance in our third Monitoring Survey, we will be in a position to apply for recertification.**



Closure Plan Update



Revised Closure Plan

- **On February 1, 2023, CMS agreed to the City's request to continue the pause of involuntary discharges and transfers of residents until at least May 19, 2023.**
- Even though CMS has continued the pause of involuntary discharges and transfers, CMS still requires an approved revised closure plan.
- **We are hopeful that we will never have to put this plan into action because of our continued improvements and future recertification with CMS.**
- Based on our progress, and the negative impact to residents if transfers resume, we requested that CMS continue the pause on involuntarily resident transfers. This will allow us the time we need to recertify without having to transfer anyone.
- All Laguna Honda residents have been updated on the status of the closure plan.



Closure Plan Update



Resident Rights and Safety and the Appeal Process

- We are doing everything possible to make sure the revised closure plan is never put into action and that we can continue to care for Laguna Honda residents.
- If, however, CMS requires Laguna Honda to restart involuntary transfers, all residents have the right to appeal a transfer or discharge.
- We continue to advise our residents of their rights and work closely with our Ombudsman as required by CMS and CDPH.
- Laguna Honda does not adjudicate the appeals, which are instead overseen by the California Department of Health Care Services and/or a resident's health plan.





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